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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: *STB Docket No. AB-55 (625X), CSX Transportation, Inc. –
Abandonment Exemption -- in Preston County, West Virginia*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is made to the letter filed with Board on May 19, 2009, on behalf of Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (the "Friends") requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") in the above-captioned proceeding.¹

CSXT hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, and has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends. Nevertheless, CSXT and Friends have continued to negotiate for trail use and desire to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with respect to the Line in the above captioned proceeding.

Accordingly, CSXT concurs in the request for an extension of the negotiating deadline to November 7, 2009 and also respectfully requests an extension of the consummation deadline for abandonment of the Line to January 6, 2010.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record

¹ The current negotiating period for the Line expired on May 11, 2009, and the current deadline for consummating the abandonment is July 11, 2009.